

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Mills, et al.

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Examiner: Jacqueline Cheng

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated July 9, 2007, Applicants make the following observations.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner allowing this application. With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, however, Applicants respectfully submit that the elements that the Examiner asserts forms the basis for allowing this application too narrowly define the invention. In fact, Applicants respectfully submit that the elements relied upon by the Examiner, and other elements found in the claims, could be characterized more broadly, and in different combinations

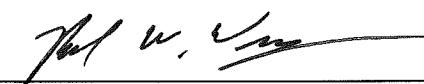
and sub-combination and still present patentable subject matter. Further, Applicants' invention differs from the prior art of record by features other than the limitations cited by the examiner.

If the examiner would like to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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